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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### ARABIA.

#### *Cases suspected of being plague at Aden.*

Consul Masterson reports, November 2, 1904, to the Assistant Secretary of State, as follows:

Within the last week there have been 6 suspicious cases of sickness at this place that the doctors regard as likely to be plague, yet quarantine has not been established, as there seems to be some question as to the disease being real plague. Four of the victims have died and the remaining ones are getting well.

I am making this report before the port has been officially declared plague infected because of the fact that last May, on the outbreak of the plague, even before the doctors had officially declared it so, there were some merchants that notified their firms in New York of an outbreak of plague here, and the news thus reached Washington before I had sent in my report on it, as I was waiting for an official report before I sent word to the Department. I shall make a report on this matter next week, and in case it is officially declared plague I shall notify the Department by cable.

### AUSTRALIA.

*Plague bulletins from Brisbane, Sydney, and Western Australia—  
Examination of rodents for plague infection—Western Australia  
and Queensland declared free from plague.*

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following reports:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, October 1, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 34, for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 1, 1904:

#### RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
BRISBANE.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week.....	442	136	578
Number of rats and mice examined at bacteriological laboratory during week.	364	133	497
Number of rats and mice found infected .....			

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*

BRISBANE, *October 8, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 35, for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 8, 1904:

## RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
BRISBANE.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week .....	792	149	941
Number of rats and mice examined at bacteriological laboratory during week .....	528	143	671
Number of rats and mice infected .....	1	0	1

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*BRISBANE, *October 15, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 36, for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 15, 1904:

## RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
BRISBANE.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week .....	411	63	474
Number of rats and mice examined in bacteriological laboratory during week .....	310	52	362

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,  
*Sydney, October 4, 1904.*

Bubonic-plague bulletin No. 31. Week ended at 1 p. m. on Saturday, October 1, 1904:

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week .....	1,412	1,106	2,518
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week .....	417	638	1,055
Number of rodents found infected .....	5	1	6

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*SYDNEY, *October 10, 1904.*

Bubonic-plague bulletin No. 32. Week ended at 1 p. m. on Saturday, October 8, 1904:

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week .....	1,347	963	2,310
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week .....	391	487	878
Number of rodents found infected .....	1	0	1

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *October 17, 1904.*

Bubonic plague, Bulletin No. 33. Week ended at 1 p. m. on Saturday, October 15, 1904:

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,398	864	2,262
Number of rodents examined at bacteriological laboratory during week.....	422	428	850
Number of rodents found infected .....	3	.....	3

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*PERTH, *October 4, 1904.*

Bubonic plague, bulletin for week ended noon, October 1, 1904:

Remaining under treatment, September 24, 1904 .....	1
Cases reported during week .....	0
Deaths during week .....	0
Discharged from hospital during week .....	0
Remaining under treatment, October 1, 1904 .....	1

Total number of cases reported to October 1, 1904 .....	4
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Rodents examined at pathological laboratory during week:	
Fremantle .....	26
Perth .....	87
Rodents infected:	
Fremantle .....	0
Perth .....	0

No further cases have been reported during the week under notice.

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*PERTH, *October 10, 1904.*

Bubonic-plague bulletin for period ended October 10, 1904:

Remaining under treatment October 10, 1904.....	1
Cases reported during period .....	0
Deaths reported during period .....	0
Discharged from hospital during period.....	1
Remaining under treatment October 10, 1904.....	0

Total number of cases reported to October 10, 1904 .....	4
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Rodents examined at pathological laboratory:	
Fremantle .....	6
Perth .....	100
Rodents infected:	
Fremantle .....	0
Perth .....	0

The State of Western Australia has to-day been declared free from plague infection, and no further bulletins will be issued unless fresh cases unfortunately arise.

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*